

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance. The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory. Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers. I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position. cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

How much do you think the older, and less fortunate money wise can continue to pay? Please shift the burden from the less fortunate to those who can afford it. Please do not pass the flat tax fee. I am almost not making ends meet now. You are not the only one who wants to continue taxing the middle and lower income people. If each of you get a piece of us, what will be left to live on? Even though we get a cost of living raise, every business I must do business with raises cost of their services. My standard of living goes down and the world continues to move ahead of me. Please help. Please don't tax us anymore. Please.

Sincerely,

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